

# STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE 500 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY NASHVILLE, TN 37243-1131



April 17, 2007

Allstate Indemnity Company % C T Corp. 800 South Gay Street, Ste 2021 Knoxville, TN 37929-9710 NAIC # 19240

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED 7006 2150 0004 6619 3088 Cashier # 2805

Re: Selena Jackson V. Allstate Indemnity Company % C T Corp.

Docket # Cc2023-07

To Whom It May Concern:

We are enclosing herewith a document that has been served on this department on your behalf in connection with the above-styled matter.

I hereby make oath that the attached Complaint was served on me on April 12, 2007 by Selena Jackson pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 56-2-504 or § 56-2-506. A copy of this document is being sent to the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, TN.

Brenda C Meade Designated Agent Service of Process

**Enclosures** 

cc: Circuit Court Clerk Lawrence County 240 West Gains, Nbu 12 Lawrenceburg, Tn 38464 9317664149

SUMMONS

## STATE OF TENNESSEE

### LAWRENCE COUNTY

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#### **CT** CORPORATION

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Service of Process Transmittal

04/20/2007

Log Number 512152478

TO:

Kim Turner

Allstate Insurance Company - Nashville MCO 555 Marriott Drive, Suite 850

Nashville, TN, 37214

RE:

**Process Served in Tennessee** 

FOR:

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY (Domestic State: IL)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION:

Selena Jackson, Pltf. vs. Alistate Indemnity Company and Alistate Insurance

Company, Dfts

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Letter, Summons, Complaint, Exhibits

COURT/AGENCY:

Lawrence County Circuit Court, TN

Case # CC202307

**NATURE OF ACTION:** 

Insurance Litigation - Policy benefits claimed for property damage caused by fire

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

C T Corporation System, Knoxville, TN

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

By Certified Mail on 04/20/2007 postmarked on 04/17/2007

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

Within 30 days after the summons has been served upon you, not including the day of

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

Raymond G. Prince Prince & Hellinger, P.C. 150 Second Avenue, North Suite 300

Nashville, TN, 37201 615-244-8630

REMARKS:

Process served/received by the Insurance Commissioner on 04/12/2007, and mailed

to CT Corporation System on 04/20/2007

**ACTION ITEMS:** 

SOP Papers with Transmittal, via Fed Ex Priority Overnight, 798157295885

Email Notification, Patti Gariti pgarq@allstate com

SIGNED: ADDRESS: C T Corporation System 800 S. Gay Street Suite 0221

Knoxville, TN, 37929-9710 865-342-3522

TELEPHONE:

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAWRENCE COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT LAWRENCEBURG

SELENA JACKSON,	)			
Plaintiff,	)			
VS.	) CIVIL ACTION NO. <u>CC</u>	<u>2</u> 02	1 <u>3:0'</u>	7
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Defendants.	) )	58464	<b>1.</b> 0 0.1	)

### COMPLAINT

### Parties and Jurisdiction

- Plaintiff Selena Jackson is a citizen of Lawrence County, Tennessee, currently residing at 413 Second Street, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee 38464. At all times material herein, Plaintiff was the owner of real property located at 589 Old Florence Pulaski Road, Leoma, Lawrence County, Tennessee 38468.
- 2 Defendants are insurance companies doing business in the State of Tennessee and are subject to suit in the courts of Lawrence County, Tennessee
- Plaintiff is an insured under a policy of insurance issued by Defendant Allstate Indemnity Company covering the residential property owned by Plaintiff at 589 Old Florence Pulaski Road, Leoma, Lawrence County, Tennessee 38468. A copy of the policy believed to be substantially similar to the policy in force at the time of loss as described hereafter is attached hereto as Exhibit 1

- 4. Allstate Insurance Company is being named as a Defendant because it was under its name that Plaintiff's claim was denied as alleged herein in paragraph 6.
  - Jurisdiction and venue are proper in Lawrence County Circuit Court

### **Facts**

- 6. On August 8, 2005, the residential property owned by Plaintiff and insured by Defendants under the policy of insurance at issue was damaged by fire Plaintiff made timely claim for sums due under the policy at issue.
- Defendants conducted an investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding the loss and of the extent of Plaintiff's claim for loss arising out of the fire at issue. Sixteen months after the fire, on December 7, 2006, as evidenced by the attached **Exhibit 2** hereto, Defendants denied Plaintiff's claim, making false accusations as a pretext to deny the claim.
- Plaintiff has sustained compensable losses including approximately \$75,000.00 in replacement cost for contents, approximately \$60,000.00 for the repair costs of her home, and has sustained unreimbursed losses for additional living expense. Plaintiff has made demand for said sums upon Defendants, but Defendants have failed and refused to pay said losses.
  - 9 Plaintiff has complied with all applicable terms and conditions of the policy at issue.
- Throughout the sixteen months from the time the Defendants were notified of the loss until it denied responsibility therefor and in denying said claim, Defendants through their agents and employees have engaged in a course of conduct violative of both T.C.A. §56-7-105 and the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act by acts including but not limited to the following: failing to honor financial agreements for the payment of veterinarian charges, motel, and other living expense

charges; sending to the Plaintiff a completed Proof of Loss form with all blanks filled in and instructing Plaintiff in the way to complete the Proof of Loss prior to submission to Defendants; repeated refusal to provide necessary documentation underlying its various decisions; refusal to permit entry by Plaintiff to her home following the fire; failing to complete a full and impartial investigation into the cause of the loss at issue; and hiring a business establishment entitled FireCheck which both failed to conduct a proper inspection of the personal property and damaged or destroyed personal property of the Plaintiff which had not been damaged in the fire

### Liability of Defendant

- By failing to pay for Plaintiff's covered losses, Defendants have breached the policy of insurance at issue
- The acts of Defendants, as will be proven to the jury, constitute unfair and deceptive acts and practices as prohibited under the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act, specifically under T.C.A. §47-18-104. The acts of Defendants were willful and knowing, giving rise to liability for attorney fees and treble damages under T.C.A. §47-18-109(a)(3).
- Attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** is a copy of Plaintiff's attorney's letter to Defendants making demand for all sums due under the policy. After sixty days expire from the date of said letter, Plaintiff will amend her Complaint under T C A §56-7-105 to add an allegation of bad faith.

### PREMISES CONSIDERED, PLAINTIFF PRAYS:

1 That proper process issue and be served upon the Defendants requiring them to appear and answer this Complaint;

- 2 For a judgment for all sums due under the policy of insurance at issue;
- 3 For prejudgment interest;
- For all damages, including treble damages and attorney fees, due Plaintiff under the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act
- 5. For permission to amend in a timely fashion to allege damages arising out of the Defendants' lack of good faith under T.C.A. §56-7-105.
  - 6. For the discretionary costs of this cause;
  - 7 For the Court costs of this cause;
  - 8. For a jury of twelve to try this action; and
  - 9. For general relief.

Respectfully submitted,

PRINCE & HELLINGER, P.C.

RAYMOND G PRINCE, BPR #5592

Attorneys for the Plaintiff

150 Second Avenue North, Ste. 300

Nashville, TN 37201-1920

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